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Luke 10:38-42

Swahili

38 Ikawa katika kuenenda kwao aliingia katika kijiji kimoja; mwanamke mmoja jina lake Martha akamkaribisha nyumbani kwake. 39Naye alikuwa na umbu lake aitwaye Mariamu, aliyeketi miguuni pake Yesu, akasikiliza maneno yake. 40Lakini Martha alikuwa akihangaika kwa utumishi mwingi; akamwendea, akasema, Bwana, huoni vibaya hivyo ndugu yangu alivyoniacha nitumike peke yangu? Basi mwambie anisaidie. 41Bwana akajibu akamwambia, Martha, Martha, unasumbuka na kufadhaika kwa ajili ya vitu vingi; 42lakini kinatakiwa kitu kimoja tu; na Mariamu amelichagua fungu lililo jema, ambalo hataondolewa.

Pedi

38 Jesu a re go tloga le barutiwa ba gagwe a yo fihla motsaneng wo mongwe moo mosadi yo mongwe yo a bitšwago Marta a ilego a mo amogela ka ga gagwe. 39O be a na le ngwanabo yo leina la gagwe e bego e le Maria. Yena yo o ile a tla a dula fase pele ga Jesu, a theeletša tše Jesu a mo rutago tšona. 40Marta yena o be a patlwa ke mošomo wa go apea. A ba a tla go Jesu a re: “Morena, na kgane ga o na taba le ge yo ngwanešo a ntlogetše ke šoma e le noši? Gape mmotše a tle a nthuše!” 41Morena a mo fetola a re: “Marta, Marta! Etse o balabala o tshwenyegile ka tše dintši, 42kganthe se se nyakegago ke se setee. Maria o ikgethetše se sekaone, gomme a ka se se amogwe.”

Shona

38Jesu navadzidzi vake pavakanga vachifamba, vakasvika pano mumwe musha; mumwe mukadzi ainzi Marita akamugamuchira mumba make. 39Akanga ano munun'una wake ainzi Maria, uyo akagara patsoka dzaShe achiteerera kune zvaakanga achitaura. 40Asi Marita akatadziwa kuteerera nokuda kwokugadzirira kwose kwaifanira kuitwa. Akauya kwaari akati, “Ishe hamuna hanya here kuti munun'una wangu andisiya ndichingoshanda ndoga? Muudzei kuti andibatsirewo!” 41Ishe akapindura akati, “Marita, Marita, uri kufunganya nokugumburwa pamusoro pezvinhu zvizhinji, 42asi pane chinhu chimwe chete chinodikanwa. Maria asarudza chinhu chiri nani, uye haazochitorerwi.”

Afrikaans

38Op hulle reis het Jesus in 'n dorp gekom waar 'n vrou, Marta, Hom as gas ontvang het. 39Sy het 'n suster gehad, Maria, wat aan die voete van die Here gaan sit en na sy woorde geluister het. 40Maar Marta was baie bedrywig om

alles klaar te maak. Sy kom toe daar staan en sê: “Here, hinder dit U nie dat my suster my alleen laat bedien nie? Sê sy moet my kom help!” 41 Maar die Here antwoord haar: “Marta, Marta, jy is besorg en bekommerd oor baie dinge, 42 maar net een ding is nodig. Maria het die beste deel gekies, en dit sal nie van haar weggeneem word nie.

Sermon Summary:

We are looking at the story of Martha and Mary. In a world that is so busy, with so many pressing needs all around us, it is important that we identify the one thing that Jesus says is necessary and fundamental, and that is listening and submitting to His Word.

Basic Discussion Questions:

1. What was the sermon on Sunday about?
2. Now, let's read Luke 10:38-42 together.
3. Is there anything that surprised you about this story? Does Jesus say or do something here that seems strange to you? If so, explain why?
4. What is one thing stood out to you from this story?
5. If you were sitting down with a new believer and wanted to give him counsel about living the Christian life from this story, what things would you say?
6. This story warns us about the danger of getting our priorities out of order. What happens if you make doing things more important than listening to God's Word?
7. Certainly, we are supposed to be reminded of the importance of listening to God speak through His Word in this story. Jesus says there is one thing necessary. What does it look like for a person to believe this is true? What would his life look like if he made this kind of priority out of hearing God's Word?
8. What are some challenges people face in putting what Jesus says here into practice? How would you counsel them as they face those challenges?
9. How would you be different if you believed what Jesus was saying here about the importance of listening to God's Word? In what ways does this story challenge you? What are some ways we can apply this passage to our lives?

10. Is there something from this passage that you would like to share with others?

Personal Study Questions

Try to answer these questions before coming to Gospel Community Group.

1. How do you think the message of these verses connects to that of the story that goes before it?
2. In what ways is Martha different than the lawyer in the story before this one? In what ways is she acting in a similar manner? What warning does that give us as believers?
3. What does Martha do that is right in this story?
4. What are the signs in this story that even though Martha was doing something right, something had gone seriously wrong?
5. What does Martha think is the source of her problems? What does Jesus say is really the source of her problems?
6. What do you think Jesus's answer reveals about the nature of the Christian life?
7. Read the following passages from Luke and Acts and explain how what Luke is saying there connects to what he is teaching us in this passage.

Luke 8:14,18

Luke 9:57-62

Luke 21:34

Acts 6:1-4

8. John MacArthur writes, "I confess to you that I love simplification. I do not like complexity. I'm a simple person. I like things reduced to their simplest and the simpler the better. I am not saying that there are not difficulties in the Christian life, there are not challenges; there are not frustrations, disappointments. I'm not saying that the Christian life is not demanding, that interpreting Scripture is not demanding, that applying Scripture is not demanding, that understanding the full counsel of God doesn't tax all of my capacity. But what I am saying is behind all of that there is one simple thing that is the Christian's single priority. Now the good

news is there is one. The bad news is if you miss it, you've missed all that follows. Whatever it is that is prior to everything else, whatever it is that is antecedent to everything else, whatever it is that is preliminary to everything else, whatever it is that comes first, defines, informs and motivates everything else. If you get it, the rest of the Christian life unfolds. If you miss it, you limp without possibility of adequate blessing and usefulness." After reading this story, what do you think Jesus would say is that one priority?